AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO AN OFFICE ACTION (Paper No. 13) MAILED APRIL 24, 2002

In response to an Office Action (Paper No. 13), mailed April 24, 2002, please amend the application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 14. (TWICE AMENDED) A retaining wall as claimed in claim 12 wherein the courses of the retaining wall are arrayed in a plurality of courses adjacent to the embankment wherein at lest some of the tyres are each cut.
- (a) in a place between opposing side walls thereof and such that a section of the tyre remains uncut to provide a hinge for pivoting of the tyre portions thereabout, and so that the tyre can be arranged in the wall such that both side walls generally face downwards; or
- (b) to remove a substantial proportion of one of the side walls wherein the removed side wall is arranged in the tyre to be adjacent to the remaining side wall, and the tyres are arranged in the wall so that the remaining uncut side wall generally faces downwards.
- (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A retaining wall for retaining an embankment or similar structure including a reinforcing section extending rearwardly into the wall from an outer portion thereof, the reinforcing section being part of the retaining wall and being formed from:
 - (a) longitudinal strips formed from tyre treads; or

